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Re: Docket Number 98P-0203/CP

Ma'am/Sir:

I urge you to grant United Poultry Concern's petition to eliminate the forced molting of laying hens. The drive for more profit in this country has exterminated the right of all beings to live a decent life. There is no excuse for deliberately torturing factory farm animals just to earn a buck. I am VERY willing to spend the extra money -- which winds up being the case anyway after poultry have been withdrawn from the market in order to drive the price up -- so that these poor animals can continue to be fed.

Grant UPC's petition to *ELIMINATE THE FORCED MOTLING OF LAYING HENS.*

P.S.: Dr. Ron DeHaven

Acting Deputy Administrator

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